

OUR TRIENNIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY IN SEPTEMBER 2023.

**A SUMMER NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE THE AGENDA AND LIST OF
NOMINEES FOR THE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.**

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Cousin David Alderic Violette

By VFA Past President Paul Bunnell

As your past president from 2005 to 2011, I want to express my thoughts and love for cousin David Violette. He came in as the Violette Family Association President in 2011 and served until our great spirit called him away from us in the arms of his wife Elaine on 22 December 2021. I was asked to sit in as temporary president on 13 May 2022 until 2023 when we will have our elections.

In no way can anyone fill David's shoes when it comes to our association. His devotion to building and creating new systems and ways to improve our computer presence was beyond comparison. He really began this pursuit in 1989. He was always reachable, even while living in the Southwest that he and Elaine loved so very much. I know that he gave me plenty of support while I served as president. He really applied his engineering skills to every challenge. Our first president Rita Lippe must be standing tall in David's honor. He also carried a rich and honorable genealogy with Alderic and Alice (Bartlett) Violette for his parents, two other solid pillars in our family association.

I send out a smudging blessing to this most respected and loved member and cousin. Like so many of us, we miss you, David.

Born 10 August 1939 – Passed 22 December 2021 – Age 82

WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS IN 2024

By next year, the VFA newsletter will be available in electronic format only. If you are a member with no email address, you will need to reach out to a family member with an active email address to get next year's newsletters. Perhaps a cousin, or niece/nephew, or grandchild can help those of you with no computer. Another option is to visit your local community library and a librarian can help you access our website via one of their free computers.

Our newsletters are posted on the VFA website (see Website article on page 3) and available anytime by anyone for an easy download and home printing. Please remember to keep your member profile up to date with your most current email address by logging into your VioletteRegistry.com website account and going to the "Member Profile Editing" page. Otherwise, email updates to Michelle Archambault at Webmaster@VioletteRegistry.com. Thank you for your help.

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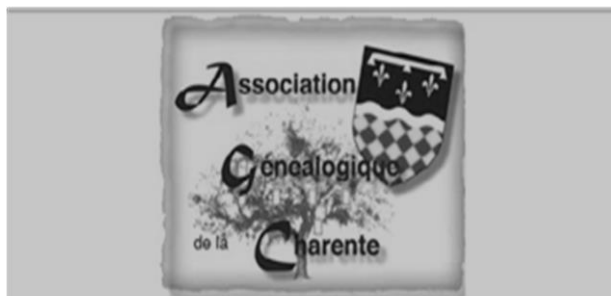
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FINDING PROOF

For many years, the Violette Family Association stopped at Louis Viollet as the most distant relative in our direct family line. Many had theorized that his parents were Jacques Viollet and Marie Leonard, but no one had the proof to confirm this connection. Louis's parish marriage record failed to record who his parents were.

While researching our ancestral home in Villejésus, France, our Historian became aware that Louis Viollet and his wife Marie Doux had sought out a notary in the village of Marcillac-Lanville, which is less than 7 km south of Villejésus. On 3 January 1715, four days before their marriage in Villejésus, a Contrat de Mariage (marriage contract) was completed and the contract spelled out that his parents were Jacques Viollet and Marie Leonard.

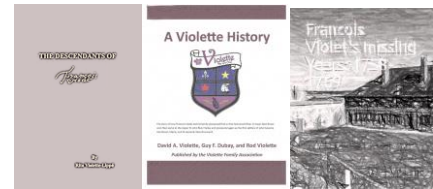
The family association now has the required proof (primary source) and our records have been updated accordingly. More details of this discovery will be contained in the future research report on Our Ancestral Homeland that our historian is working on.



Source: AGC records

Contrat de mariage à Marcillac-Lanville le 03/01/1715 2E 3693 GOYAUD
De: VIOLLET Louis (M)
Originaire de Tusson
Fs de: VIOLLET Jacques †
et de: LORAND Marie remariée à François DINET
Avec: DOUX Marie (F)
villejésus
Fa de: DOUX Louis
et de: PIET Jeanne
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VIOLETTE FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS



We have three (3) Violette family history books available from the Violette Family Association.

The first book is the “Descendants of Francois Violet” by Rita Violette Lippe which was digitized since the original books are no longer available.

Our second book is a narrative of the founders of the Violette family detailed in “A Violette History.”

The authors are David A. Violette (VFA #621), Guy Dubay (VFA #689) & Rod Violette (VFA #12).

The third book is by our VFA historian Peter Violette (VFA #1793) titled “Francois Violet’s Missing Years: 1758-1769”.

Peter did a deep dive into the years that the association had no records for our founder, Francois.

The purpose was to gain an insight and better understanding of what was happening during those missing years and how they may have impacted our pioneer ancestor to New France, present day Canada.

The books are available in print and/or digital formats from Amazon at www.amazon.com. The “Missing Years” is only available in print.

The print edition usually sells for \$38 and the downloadable electronic version for \$10.00.

The Violette Family Association receives a small royalty on each edition sold.

Donations

To make a secure, on-line donation to the Violette Family Association scan the QR Code here or on the website



FUTURE CONTENT ON THE VFA WEBSITE?

The Executive Committee plans to update the website in the near future to include areas that you the membership would like to see. If you have not been on the website recently or ever, go to the address shown above and check it out. For interesting VFA past events, tab on NEWS then NEWSLETTER. Read some of the old VFA newsletters that are listed, especially August 2018 which provides detailed instructions on logging on and registering members of your family.

Our Acadian ancestry has a rich and diverse history that needs to be acknowledged, recorded and shared with our Violette cousins. Some ideas that have been suggested are shown below.

- Family recipes and foods lost, found and to share
- DNA and health conditions of the Acadian descendants
- Family reunions, web sites and books on Acadian family surnames
- Audio-video sources and events on Acadian life
- Preserving our Acadian heritage at the Acadian Village in Van Buren, ME and the French language at Le Club Francais in Madawaska, ME
- Well-known Violettes
- Pictures taken at previous VFA reunions

New ideas are always welcomed and can be sent to our webmaster.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As with any organization, volunteers are so important and needed to meet the goals and desires of its membership. The Violette Family Association has been around since 1979 and it would not be here today without the effort and support of past and current volunteers who said 'Yes – I want to help keep the Violette Family Association going'.

Every three years elections are held to select our next officers and 2023 is the year. If you are at all interested in serving as an officer or if you just want to try something new and volunteer on any committee, let our VFA Past President Paul Bunnell know by June 1st.

Volunteering may include working on the newsletter, adding content to the website, sharing VFA information on social media platforms, inputting membership information from new registrants, or contributing as much or as little of your time and talent as you want. Thanks for considering this request. We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you!

DONATIONS FOR VFA

The Violette Family Association charges no dues and relies on book sales and donations to keep the Violette Family Association active. In the last two years, our major expenses have been for website support amounting to about \$250.00 per year. Income has been smaller and only from the royalties we receive from the Violette books – which ebbs and flows with demand.

The main reason for going digital-only in 2024 for the VFA newsletter was the cost of mailing out paper copies. The average cost in 2020 for the last two newsletters was \$750.00. Since then, the price of postage has gone up significantly. Emailing is free, quick and more content, pictures and color can be added at no extra charge.

To make a donation, please send your check to: Violette Family Association - 9436 Oakwood Manor Lane - St Louis MO - 63126 or use the QR code found in the newsletter. Thank you!

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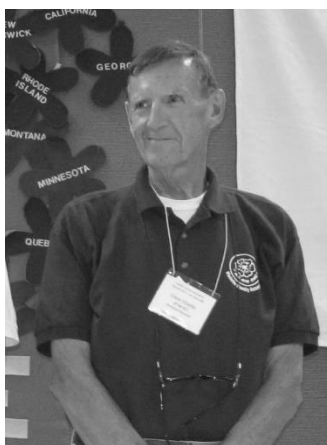
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A FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO David A. Violette

This is our first newsletter since our president David Violette (VFA #621) passed away in December 2021 and we wanted to mention some of the many accomplishments he made for the association over his 40+ years of service. Joining the VFA back in 1980, David worked tirelessly to grow, improve and streamline the association. It was back in 1989 when David's vast talent with computers was recognized within the association. With help from his wife Elaine, David took on the challenge of computerizing the association's membership list to include addresses, greatly aiding the delivery of all subsequent newsletter mail-outs.

In 1990, while serving as secretary with his father Dick (VFA #100) as president of the association, he introduced a new, improved, and multi-columned newsletter. In 2005, both David and his father were instrumental in making the dedication of the Corriveau Grist Mill happen at the Acadian Village in Van Buren, Maine at the Violette Industrial Building. Next, David started the VFA Facebook group to help keep members and others interested in the association, family happenings and other interesting Violette-related items.



Over the years, David served as secretary, treasurer, de-facto webmaster and president, this last position for over 10 years. In addition, he co-authored a book with

Guy Dubay (VFA #892) and Rod Violette (VFA #12), appropriately titled 'A Violette History', released in 2014. His next monumental milestone was incorporating onto the website the genealogy database that genealogist Rod Violette had created and worked on for many, many years. This accomplishment made available to VFA members over 81,000 individuals and over 32,000 marriages in a searchable format. It was during this introduction that David transitioned the website from VioletteFamily.org to the current VioletteRegistry.com. Finally, in 2020,

David obtained the needed permissions to publish and release Rita Violette Lippe's (VFA #1) 1984 book 'The Descendants of Francois Violet' which had been out of print since 2008. David went so far as to tear apart his own copy of Rita's book to scan and digitize it for the purpose of making it available for future generations of Violettes. It is fair to say that David did so very much for our family association and he will be greatly missed!